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Application No.: **10/615,311**  
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For: **SURGICAL SAW BLADE**

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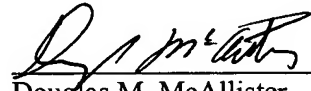
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on January 9, 2007.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous and productive telephone interview held on March 13, 2007, the details of which are provided below.

Claims 1-20, 22, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnegger (US 4,513,742) in view of Sonefors (US 5,361,665).

Claims 23-25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnegger in view of Sonefors, in further view of Gerber (US 4,653,373).

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections in view of the following comments.

**Summary of Telephone Interview and Discussion of Prior Art**

Applicant's undersigned counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 13, 2006. During the telephone interview, Applicant's counsel pointed out differences